

Dan Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola.

Louis John Nigro, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

Gregory F. Jacob, of New Jersey, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

Robert D. Jamison, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, Department of Homeland Security.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Scott A. Keller, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

David Palmer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2011, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years, which was sent to the Senate on May 21, 2007.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—311) Page S11038

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12:01 p.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11081.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### MILITARY DETAINEES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding the treatment of detainees from certain members of the intelligence community.

### INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT ON IRAQI BENCHMARKS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine an independent assessment of Iraq, focusing on securing, stabilizing, and rebuilding the country, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 2 public bills, H.R. 3470–3471; 1 private bill, H.R. 3472; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 629–631, were introduced. Page H11076

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages H11076–77

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2992, to amend the Small Business Act to improve trade programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–312);

H.R. 3020, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Microloan program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–313);

H.R. 1908, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–314); and

H.R. 1011, to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek

Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, and to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–315, Pt. 1). **Pages H10075–76**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McDermott to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10019**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2007:* H.R. 694, amended, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 331 yeas to 59 nays, Roll No. 847;

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*Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2007:* H.R. 2850, amended, to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program;

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*SBA Trade Programs Act of 2007:* H.R. 2992, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to improve trade programs;

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*Microloan Amendments and Modernization Act:* H.R. 3020, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Microloan program, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 848; and

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*Native American \$1 Coin Act:* Concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 2358, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Authorizing the use of the rotunda and grounds of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama:** Agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 196, to authorize the use of the rotunda and grounds of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:03 p.m.

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**College Cost Reduction Act of 2007—Motion to go to Conference:** The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2669, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008, and agreed to a conference.

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Agreed to the Hoekstra motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yeas-and-nays vote of 305 yeas to 83 nays, Roll No. 849. **Pages H10038–42, H10045–46**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives George Miller (CA), Andrews, Scott (VA), Hinojosa, Tierney, Wu, Davis (CA), Davis (IL), Bishop (NY), Hirono, Altmire, Yarmuth, Courtney, McKeon, Kellner (FL), McMorris Rodgers, Foxx, Kuhl (NY), Walberg, Souder, Ehlers, Biggert, and Price (GA).

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, September 5th:

*Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to remove barriers to United States financial services firms doing business in China:* H. Res. 552, to call on the Government of the People's Republic of China to remove barriers to United States financial services firms doing business in China.

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**Oath of Office—Thirty-Seventh Congressional District of California:** Representative-elect Laura Richardson presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a Certificate of Election from the Honorable Debra Bowen, Secretary of State, State of California, indicating that, according to the official returns of the Special Election held on August 21, 2007, the Honorable Laura Richardson was elected Representative to Congress for the Thirty-Seventh Congressional District, State of California.

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**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from California, Ms. Laura Richardson, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H10020.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 163 was referred to the Committee on Small Business and S. 849 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10042–43, H10043–44, H10045–46. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.